AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for managing patient care, the system comprising:

a portable information device having an identifier recognition mechanism;

a patient machine readable identifier;

a central information system including patient records comprising treatment history and orders entered by a caregiver for treatment of an identified patient; and

a patient task list ~~for an~~determined from the orders for the identified patient, wherein the task list becomes automatically available upon recognition of the patient machine readable identifier by the portable information ~~scanning~~ device.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a caregiver machine readable identifier attached to a caregiver badge.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, ~~further comprising a central information system including patient data,~~ wherein the portable information device includes wireless communication tools for verifying patient data with the central information system.

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, ~~further comprising at~~ the central information system further including caregiver data, wherein the portable information device includes wireless communication tools for verifying caregiver data with the central information system.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the patient task list comprises instructions for administration of at least one medication.

6. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for managing patient care comprising:

recognizing a patient machine-readable identifier;

recognizing a medication machine-readable identifier;

accessing a task list for the patient recognized by the machine-readable identifier from a central information system, the task list being determined from orders entered by a caregiver for treatment of the identified patient;

~~matching the patient machine-readable identifier with a patient task list; and~~

determining if the medication identified by the medication machine-readable identifier matches with a medication from the task list; and

displaying a warning if the medication identified by the machine-readable identifier does not match with a medication from the task list~~providing the task list to a caregiver~~.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising providing a task list including at least one medication administration task.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising recording administration of the medication.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising recognizing a caregiver identifier.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising implementing a portable information device with an embedded scanner for scanning the patient machine readable identifier.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising transmitting the patient identifier from the portable information device to a central information system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising verifying patient identity through information available in the central information system.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising receiving current patient related tasks from the central information system at the portable information device.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising using the portable information device to obtain a caregiver identifier, transmitting the caregiver identifier from the portable information device to the central information system, and receiving verification of the caregiver identity from the central information system at the portable information device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein obtaining the caregiver identifier comprises scanning a machine-readable identifier using an embedded reader in the portable information device.

17. (Currently amended) A task-based system for managing patient care, the system comprising:

a central information system having a database including patient records comprising a patient task list determined from orders for an identified patient, wherein the patient task list may be updated in real-time based on one or more changes to the orders for the identified patient by a caregiver;

a patient identifier for identifying a patient; and

a portable information device having tools for reading the patient identifier and accessing the central information systemdevice to obtain an updated patient task list for the identified patient ~~data, wherein the central information system includes an application for dynamically generating a task list upon obtaining the patient data~~.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a caregiver machine-readable identifier attached to a caregiver badge.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the portable information device includes wireless communication tools for verifying patient data with the central information system.

20. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for recording ~~facilitating~~ tasks performed~~ance~~ by a caregiver, the method comprising:

receivingverifying a caregiver identifier and a patient identifier fromusing a portable information device;

generating a task list for the identified caregiver and the identified patient from patient records, the patient records comprising treatment history and orders entered by a caregiver for treatment of an identified patient; and

receiving results of one or more tasks from the task list performed for the identified patient; and

individually recording performance of one or more each tasks from the task list.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising receiving from using a portable information device with a scanner to scan the caregiver identifier and the patient identifier.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising receiving transmitting the caregiver identifier and the patient identifier from the portable information device at theto a central information system.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, further comprising verifying patient identity through information available in the central information system.

24. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising dynamically generating the task list at the central information system and sending the task list to the portable information device.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising receiving~~obtaining~~ a medication identifier from an identification device including a bar code identifying a particular medication.

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